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Colorado Milk Production

Thank you for participating in our Quarterly Milk Production Report for April 1, 2009. Your participation allows us to compile statistics reflective of the continued importance of the dairy industry in our state and nation. The following text and tables are the results of the recently conducted nationwide survey. Complete survey results are available on the web at: www.nass.usda.gov

Colorado dairy herds produced 236 million pounds of milk during March 2009, up 8 million pounds from March last year. The average number of cows, at 128,000, is up 2,000 head from the 126,000 cows on hand a year ago. The average milk per cow for the month of March in Colorado was 1,980 pounds per cow compared with 1,945 pounds per cow in March 2008. Colorado ranked third in milk production per cow in March, 2009.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, March 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows ¹		Milk Per Cow ²		Milk Production ²		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	Change From 2008
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Pounds	Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AZ	186	190	2,190	2,090	407	397	-2.5
CA	1,842	1,822	1,975	1,920	3,638	3,498	-3.8
CO	126	128	1,945	1,980	245	253	3.3
FL	120	116	1,655	1,680	199	195	-2.0
ID	540	549	1,885	1,810	1,018	994	-2.4
IL	102	102	1,640	1,675	167	171	2.4
IN	166	167	1,700	1,750	282	292	3.5
IA	216	215	1,730	1,730	374	372	-0.5
KS	115	122	1,790	1,820	206	222	7.8
MI	345	354	1,870	1,890	645	669	3.7
MN	463	468	1,630	1,645	755	770	2.0
MO	110	108	1,300	1,320	143	143	
NM	340	333	1,990	2,110	677	703	3.8
NY	626	623	1,690	1,670	1,058	1,040	-1.7
OH	280	277	1,560	1,590	437	440	0.7
OR	114	114	1,700	1,695	194	193	-0.5
PA	549	550	1,680	1,670	922	919	-0.3
TX	408	430	1,800	1,850	734	796	8.4
UT	85	85	1,720	1,720	146	146	
VT	140	137	1,590	1,555	223	213	-4.5
VA	98	97	1,590	1,590	156	154	-1.3
WA	245	239	1,990	1,960	488	468	-4.1
WI	1,251	1,256	1,660	1,685	2,077	2,116	1.9
23-State Total	8,467	8,482	1,794	1,788	15,191	15,164	-0.2

¹/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ²/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.